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RE: Farm Bill Forum

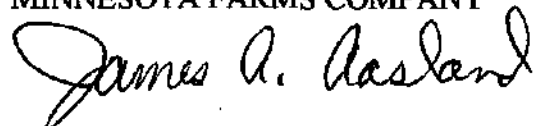
Dear Mr. Johanns:

I would like to comment on the upcoming farm bill. I think it is time that conservation becomes the main focus. Most farmers will not practice conservation unless they are paid. It is time to eliminate payments based on production and base the payments on conservation. Our lands have eroded in just a few short years. Look at an aerial photo and it is easy to see the eroded hills and topsoil loss.

Consumers and environmentalists would be happy to support a farm bill with conservation being the main focus.

Sincerely,

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